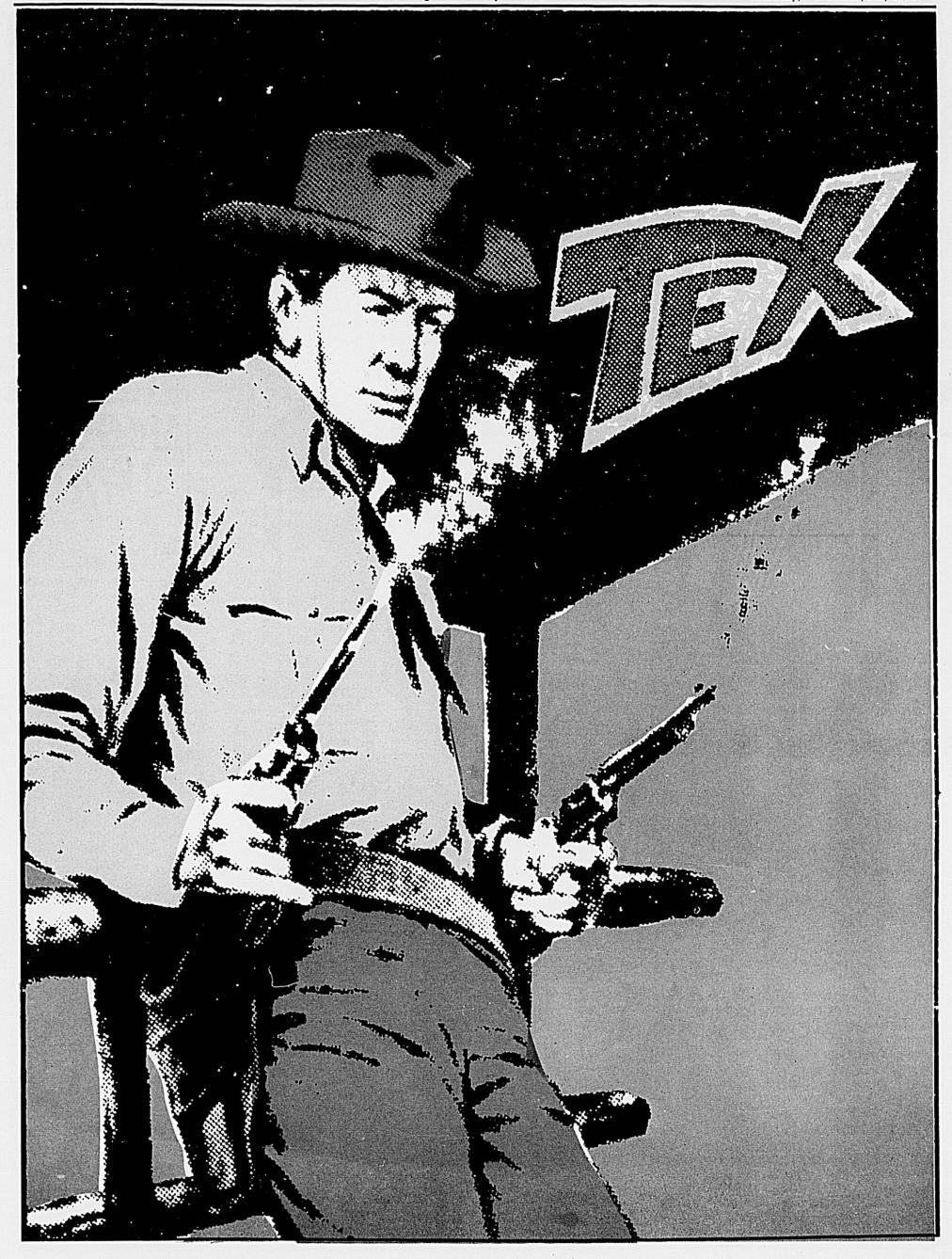
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Guerrilla girls take the Art world by storm

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Guerrillas in Our Midst • directed by Amy Harrison • LD50 Films, 1992

BY FIONA McCAW

They wear gorrilla masks and miniskirts with matching hose. They brandish bananas as they furnish soundbites for the evening news. They are hip, more than a little bit silly, and they have become a potent political force in the New York Art scene.

And they could represent the future of feminism, said director Amy Harrison at a screening of her film Guerrillas in Our Midstat the Festival de Nouveau Film et Video.

The half hour documentary begins with filming of the Girls postering at night. The black and white film is unclear, the camera moves quickly, and the music sounds like something off a bad Japanese monster movie.

This is New York, capital of the Artworld. It's the eighties boomtime, and Art (with a capital "A") is being sold like never before. In an unregulated market, the wealthy are eagerly investing in the latest works by the genius-du-jour. A newart movement, neo-expressionism has entered the scene, with more than a little bit of help from the gallery owners and Art critics.

But at the same time as unbelievable wealth is being poured into Art, it turns out that the money only goes to a few select artists, and lo and behold the vast majority of those artists are male and white.

Enter the Guerrilla Girls. An anonymous collective of women art-

ists, they papered the city with witty but well-argued posters, and made public appearances wearing gorrilla masks. They name names of gallery owners and critics who discriminate. And they ask questions meant for the decision-makers of the Art world.

One poster asks "When sexism and racism are out of style what will your collection be worth?" Another lists the advantages of being a woman artist, including "Not being stuck in a tenured university position", "working without the pressures of success" and "knowing your career might pick up after you're eighty."

Harrison's film is stylish and insightful at the same time, demystifying the whole business of Art.

Made-for-soundbite feminism

While Harrison is not a Guerrilla Girl (and she emphasises that she doesn't know the identities of any of the Girls she interviewed), she uses a similar type of humour in putting together this film, using footage from King Kong films and other cheezy old movies.

"I felt I was taking from their style and going further," said Harrison in an interview with the *Daily*. "I wanted to extend their way of playing with hype to the screen."

Harrison said the decision to make the film was partly inspired by her own experiences, when she first came to New York in 1984, freshly graduated from McGill and eager to become a visual artist.

She said the political climate in the art scene was a stark contrast to the politicised atmosphere on campus.

"The dialogue in the art world did not concern itself with multiculturalism or feminism," said Harrison. She said the Guerrilla Girls, in calling attention to the issues provided a breath of fresh air.

Harrison said she found the Guerrilla Girls humourous and savvy style a welcome change from more conventional forms of feminist protest.

ventional forms of feminist protest.
"The feminism I was accustomed to was voiced from the point of view

of women as victims," said Harrison.
"The Guerrilla Girls did not use

that kind of approach."
"The were also really good at sell-

ing the issue," she added. "They infiltrated the system, used slick graphics and made their message accessible to people."

Harrison said this kind of "market savvy" represented a new way of doing feminist activism.

If this is true, then it is welcome. Certainly feminist expression can do a lot worse than the accessible and humourous Guerrilla Girls. There are a number of other fields where the Girls' message seems to be much needed. For example, most of the films in the festival in which Harrison's film appeared were di-

l by man

But I am uncertain about how far a made-for-soundbite feminism with "packaged issues" can go. It may work in the Artworld, but how useful would it be in other areas?

Will it be helpful to poorer, uneducated women, who have very limited scope for finding employment giving them a living wage? It is easy to be glamourous and hip in the Art world — people expect it of you. It is hard to imagine the same sort of style showing up in a fish cannery, a textile mill or a day-care centre.

After all, style is for those that can afford it.

In general, Guerrillas in our Midst is an informative and amusing film. Lets hope it shows up again.



TOM WHITE

Inspector Hound full of colourful characters

The Real Inspector Hound • directed by Erin Berry • Players' Theatre

BY JENNY EDWARDS



It was almost eight o'clock and I was sprinting up McTavish to see and review Tom Stoppard's play The Real Inspector Hound. As I entered the McGill Players' Theatre room, I noticed a row of chairs sporting that blaring word: RESERVED.

Well, reserved for who? I wondered. Someone with the prestigious title of McGill Daily culture writer? Possible. However, as I approached the seats, I noticed a rather austere looking chap, so after a little hesitation, I opted to sit somewhere else.

Well, to my surprise this chap was not only a critic, but an actual actor in the play. Soon he was accompanied by another critic, a flighty, quirky fellow.

Before the real play started, these two talked, bickered and fought for the armrest and started to evoke images in my mind of those two old guys who crack jokes and throw insults on the Muppet Show.

Then the real play started. The set was the parlor room of the Muldoon mansion and Mrs. Drudge, the housekeeper, was doing the cleaning while taking swigs from the bottle hidden beneath her housecoat.

Enter a mysterious visitor,

Simon Gascoyne, a suave but sleazy sort, and Felicity Cunning-ham, the young and delightful guest who turns cross when she finds out Gascoyne is in love with someone else.

It seems he's pursuing Mrs. Muldoon, the seductive and mysterious widow, but there is someone who stands in his way: the late Mr. Muldoon's half-brother, Magnus, who has just arrived from Canada. (The play takes place somewhere in England).

When Mrs. Drudge turns on the radio, we learn that there is a madman on the loose. The announcer tells us that he is somewhere near the Muldoon mansion. Then amidst the appropriate sounds of distant howling arrives the final character, Inspector Hound. On the scene to investigate, of course.

Through all of this however, we are not permitted to forget our two dear critics. Our attention repeatedly switches back and forth from the Muldoon mansion to the critics as they predict what the outcome of the mystery will be.

But then in a sudden twist of the plot, the critics actually find themselves in the mansion living the lives of previous characters whose fates seem all too vividly familiar.

Seem a bit confusing? Not to worry, the pieces fall into place. The only trouble I have with the play is that after such a lengthy denouement, the whodunit solution seemed understated and told in a rather flippant manner. No one dropped a bomb and no one seemed particularly shocked, which left the audience only partly fulfilled.

More fascinating than finding out who the culprit is, are the colourful characters themselves. Within this ensemble of eccentrics, Birdboot (one of the critics) and Mrs Drudge are especially fun to watch, but on the whole the entire cast does an admirable job.

Do go see this play, it's a lot of fun and a good way to spend an evening. But remember, don't sit in the reserved seats or else you too may find yourself re-enacting a role whose outcome looks far from attractive.

The Real Inspector Hound is playing at the McGill Players' Theatre, 3rd floor of the Union Building nightly at 20h untill November 7. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 general admission.

GILL DAILY CULTURE

comment

The uqlu war on druqs

Legalising drugs is a frightening concept. It's hard not to believe the hype that says they are a threat to our existence.

Reefer Madness fear-mongering has lulled us into the belief that bad things happen when people are high. The fact is, most drug-related murders happen because of struggles for control of the market, not by wacked-out crack-fiends.

In a study of crack-related homocides in New York in 1988, only three per cent of the murderers killed because they were high or in withdrawal. The overwhelming majority — 85 per cent — were due to clashes over territory among rival dealers, robberies of drug dealers and the elimination of informers. Punishment for selling spiked or bogus drugs and assaults to collect drug related debts also add to this figure. A legal, regulated drug trade would eliminate these problems.

Zero-tolerance policies and the "War on Drugs" sell themselves with the claim that people addicted to drugs commit violent crimes to support their habbits. True enough, it happens. But in the New York study, only seven per cent of the homocides were by addicts trying to finance the cost of using the drug.

Still, this seven per cent can add up to a lot of murders. Legalising the drugs would reduce this crime rate by a lot. The reason addicts steal is that the price of most drugs is so high.

If drugs were sold like liquor or prescription drugs, the price would be reduced considerably. It costs about one dollar to manufacture a gram of cocaine, but it sells on the street for \$100. The government could tax legal cocaine no end, and still undercut the street price.

One of the ugliest outcomes of the "War on Drugs" is the way it's been manipulated by the police. They now have the power to arrest you for the possesion of the most minute quantities.

The result is that they have lots of great-looking statistics on all the drug-criminals they've arrested, while gaining enormous power to indulge their racist fantasies. In the meantime, the rich, white kingpins are left alone — drugs are a "ghetto problem", after all.

The other problem with going after small-time dealers is that jails get full and the judicial process clogs up. This means that serious drug offenders and violent criminals get delayed trials and shorter sentences.

The justification for the war on drugs is that we have to get rid of organised crime, pushers and crack houses. Legalising drugs would put them to rest forever.

Kate Stewart

letters

McCarthyistic rampage To the Daily:

re: "An interview with bell hooks." Bell hooks is engaged in what is most aptly called "the Politics of the Imaginary". The has two feet planted firmly in mid-air.

Interpretations of complex socioeconomic problems like black poverty and the situations which led up to the L.A. riots in such simple, blameascribing terms serves nothing to address, or even explain, the real problems.

(I happen to think that the rantings of spokespersons like hooks are part of the problem, but to defend that would take me on a euro-ethnocentric, McCarthyistic rampage hardly worthy of a paper of such truth and objectivity as The McGill Daily which can publish an interview like this with a straight face.)

Hooks insists on seeing the social problems of North America as "interlocking systems of domination

that are race, class, and gender-bound." What happens if, say, a black male rises out of this "institutionalised domination?" Oh no! This, she says, is akin to an "engagement with the perverse values of competitive consumer capitalism."

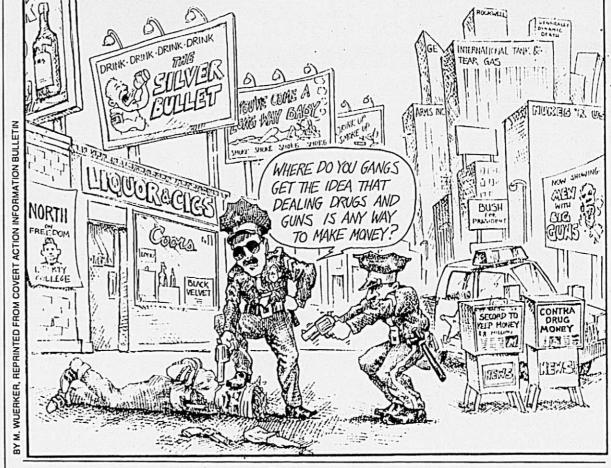
"Can blacks be racist?" asks theinterviewerin what could have been (yet wasn't) a patronising question."Blacks have can prejudicial xenophobic attitudes," she concedes in the

- after a paragraph-long evasion of the

Let's save the nasty word "racist" for whites - the traditional holders of "the traditional forms of power" (of which she provides no description), and scorn

never met him. Unlike Mr. Kafé.

human in their dealings with me. I do



letters

any blacks who rise out of society's hardships and become successful (i.e. "take on the values of the ruling class").

Continue to blame capitalism, "institutionalised" (white) racism, and imperialist oppression (which has somehow become domestic) for the existence of a black underclass in North America - rather than, in part at least, racial and ant-social-advancement attitudes within this black underclass' - and social progress will continue in steady, geological time.

Ian Hay **Ul Arts**

A sour taste To the Daily:

The tone of the article entitled "Black high school teacher victim of racial discrimination" that appeared in your November 2nd issue left a sour taste in my mouth.

I have been an employee of the Commission Scolaire Deux-Montagnes

for 21 years. I have been teaching English as a second language in the same school that Mr. Kafé is assigned to since August 1991 but have

I have found the school board and the school's principals to

be professional, fair-minded and not doubt that some of our students are guilty of having made racial slurs. But, let me assure you that such behaviour is not representative of our student body nor is it condoned by the staff.

Moreover, whenever I have witnessed or heard inappropriate behaviour or comments, I have intervened and spoken to the students about sexist and racial stereotyping and I have seen my co-workers doing the

I am proud to be part of an organisation whose priority is the education of the young who are entrusted to them. I take offense at the insinuated accusations of racial discrimination levelled at my employers and my students in the article.

Daphné Despatis

Not nothing To the Daily:

The November 4th edition of the Daily contains an important factual error in the article "Teaching assistants closer to unionising.'

Currently, TAs in the Faculty of Music do receive a salary, and not "nothing" as your article reports. It is true, however, that salaries were cut in the 1992-93 academic year by as much as 8-10 per cent. In some cases, workloads increased drastically without a corresponding pay raise. In effect, this

may mean that people may justifiably feel that they aren't getting enough. The Faculty has recognised that these cuts were drastic and has taken steps to ameliorate the future situation of TAs in Music.

Nevertheless, the creation of a TA Union would be valuable in preventing the kinds of cuts imposed this year on TAs in the Faculty of Music. The Daily could help by printing accurate information about the conditions of TAs. Common sense would seem to suggest that busy graduate students would not willingly commit themselves to working long hours teaching and marking for no pay.

On the other had, if TAs are not being adequately compensated for the work they are doing, a collective bargaining agreement would seem to be a reasonable solution.

Hugh Cawker M. Music I

Ed. note: We apologise for the error

Ed. note: Rahul Varma and Ken McDonough, your letter is too long. Please come and edit it to 300 words

errata

• Two stories in last Thursday's Filthy Passions Special Issues were not credited to their original sources. "Girlie 'zines: sex & the single feminist" was originally printed in the U of T Varsity, and we got it via Canadian University Press. "Safer Sex" was reprinted with permission from Leviticus 20:13, the paper for lesbians, gays and bisexuals at Dawson College. Oops.

 And yesterday we said TAs in the Faculty of Music receive nothing for their services. They actually do receive a salary, but it has been cut by up to 10 per cent this year. We apologise whole-heartedly for the



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Maple syrup gores up Braindead

FILM

Braindead • directed by Peter Jackson • Trimark, 1992

BY LIAM NICKERSON

Braindead strives to top every gore film ever made, and in most respects it succeeds. Peter Jackson's third film is the end all and be all of grotesque humour.

Continuing in the tradition started with Bad Taste (1988) and the 1989 spluppet (splatter + puppet) film Meet the Feebles, the film pulls no punches. The problem is that sick humour and clever decapitations can carry a film only so far.

The film is set in New Zealand in 1957 and is basically a stereotypical zombie picture. A strange monkey is brought back from "Skull Island" and bites the hero Lionel's mother.

Lionel (Timothy Balme) tries to care for his domineering mom, but she soon runs amok and a perverse bunch of zombies are born: a liquor-drinking rockabilly, a decapitated nurse and a karate master priest who "kicks ass for the Lord!"

The acting in the film is remarkably good, especially in the case of Lionel and his mother (Elizabeth Moody). Timothy Balme has just the right blend of neurosis and mettle to make his character funny and believable while Moody's performance is twistedly over the top.

The special effects in the film are remarkably creative.

Never have you seen anyone die on film as the zombies do in Braindead. The creature effects are well produced and the animated sequence is handled nicely.



The effects hold something for everyone who has ever squirmed in disgust while delightedly watching a horror film. They are obviously inspired by films like Raimi's Evil Dead and Yunza's Re-Animator, yet Jackson's film far surpasses its predesessors on the gore scale.

Jackson's direction of the film is brisk. Because of the low budget of 1.5 million dollars, many of the goriest scenes are quickly edited so as not to spoil their gruesome effect. But Jackson must be given credit for stretching his budget so effectively.

The film begins with a maniacal energy which can be taken as a sign of truly creative direction.

After screening his film

with the audience at Cinéma Fantastique, Jackson was quick to point out that three thousand litres of Canadian maple syrup had been used for blood while filming.

The picture starts out with incredible promise. Lionel's relationship with his warden-like mother is well realised, and once she is bitten things really heat up. Mother's gradual deterioration and Lionel's attempts to care for her are comic highlights of the film. Her attempt at eating custard is among the most enjoyably stomach turning scenes in any film.

The problem with the film is that as it progresses the plot and comedy wear thin and it becomes a mindless hour-long special effect.

Braindead simply runs out of steam. One can only watch so many cunningly cartoonish and admittedly unique decapitations before the joke is worn thin.

The genre magazines have hailed Braindead a new classic of gory horror, and if that is all the viewer wants then it may well live up to its praise. Unfortunately the film never lives up to its early promise and winds up by its end being simply an essay in blood and guts.

Braindead was shown at the Festival International Cinema Fantastique. It is slated to be released in the United Sates, but it's yet to be seen whether it will be released in Canada.



For fans only

MUSIC

Skinny Puppy • Back and Forth: Series Two • Nettwerk 1992

BY JAMES FORBES



The hardest thing for many bands to do is to satisfy contractual obligations to a company in which they have lost interest. Case in point is Public Enemy's recent bomb *Greatest Misses*.

This is why I was immediately weary of this latest offspring of Vancouver's Skinny Puppy, a band noted for its over-heavy output of sad remix eps.

It consits of fifteen-odd songs, live sound performances and creative ramblings that were released before their first Nettwerk

It is a pleasant surprise. Although not great, and by no standards a brilliant album, it provides true fans with the first musical murmurings of this band.

Recordings date back to the inception of Skinny Puppy, showing exactly where they come from. Often that place is the scary early eighties europop they have delighted in attacking. On the other hand, they also show their early promise in sound-bite sample manipulation.

The instrumentation is antiquated, the effects are miserable, and the sound quality heinous (they make no bones about this in the liner notes). But the relevance of these recordings to the band's progress is crucial to the understanding of who they are, and why they do what they do.

Unless you are a real fan, buying this release is pointless. It was released for fans. If you are a fan, this album is worth much more than their latest release, *Last Rights*, which was supposed to have been their last album on Nettwerk.

Die hard Puppy Fiends will revel in the instrumental version of "Assimilate", their club dirge gone wild, and the ten minute long live decompostion of "Brap".

Dig through the cheap four-track sound and the battery operated keyboards and you'll find some expensively priced if not wonderfully fun snippets of alternative Canadian History.





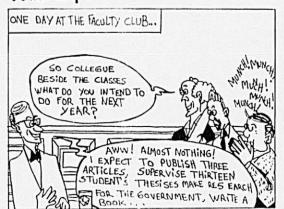




by Jane Tremblay



Crampus





Henry Rollins — rising above the morass of people and authority

BY INDERBIR RIAR

Henry Rollins has gained the dubious and often misleading distinction of being the angriest man in music today.

True, his lyrics and writing are smeared with violence, self-destruction and societal madness, but Henry Rollins has chosen to record, rather than invent, what he sees around him.

Rollins leads the Rollins Band, writes books, does spoken-word tours and runs a publishing house devoted to his books and projects by other alternative authors.

Rollins's trip involves power, passion and self-respect. He channels his energy into his creative projects and steadfastly refuses to be reduced by social codes of normal behaivior. His writing serves as a reflection of the warped nature of Western culture as evidenced by someone who has had more than his share of scars.

He is currently on tour with the Beastie Boys, a double-bill that rolled into town on Tuesday night.

Rollins told the audience in Montréal that one should rise above the morass of people and authority that supresses the individual. By being stronger, healthier, smarter and quicker than the others, one can emerge as a powerful and self-actualised individual.

The Rollins Band set, although far too short, was an electrifying explosion of raw power and wrecking-ball music. The wall of sound set up by the band was only penetrated by Rollins' formidable throat. His intense stage presense resonated with the energy of his writing.

While opening with "Low Self Opinion" and "Tearing" from his latest album, *The End of Silence*, it was the surprise mix of songs like "Do It" and "Joy Riding with Frank" that carried the show.

The Daily spoke to a reserved and somewhat monosyllabic Henry Rollins last week by telephone from Dayton, Ohio.



Henry Rollins, on tour with the Beastie Boys

Daily: Your tour schedule over the past year has been pretty hectic. What have you been doing with your free time?

Rollins: I'm always working. I've got a record company I'm working at, I've got a book company. I've done a lot of interviews and a lot of writing. So my time is pretty busy.

How did this connection with the Beastie Boys come together?

Both bands wanted to do this, and we have the same agent. So it just came together.

Have you been doing any spoken word shows this into the country and sell them.

Only 19 shows, here and there.

Will this stuff be released?

I have a two-CD set coming out in January, and I released a six-CD box set.

You were doing some talking shows with Hubert Selby Ir.

Well, I do a lot of talking shows with Selby and I book his shows. I distribute his books in America.

When you met Selby, were his books still being published?

Oh yeah. But two of his five titles you can't even get in America now. The woman who owns the titles doesn't thinkwe're the right label to put them out, so we import the hardback copy into the country and sell them.

Is there a trade-off on the spoken-word tours?

No. He does his thing and I do

mine. We're two different people.

What projects are you currently working on?

I'm starting a record label, but since my partner's not here, I can't really say much on that. There will be press release in a few weeks. I've also got my writing and I'm working at the book label. I'm also staring a video label.

We got a few videos of mine that are all finished. They're a series of interviews with people. We found really intense vagrants, Vietnam veterans, people who come from really extreme backgrounds.

Apart from your own works, you've published titles by Joe Cole and Nick Cave. How much more has the focus of

the label expanded?

We're working with Alan Vega of Suicide. We have a second title by Bill Shields and another by Don Bajema. Next year, we have a book coming out by Iggy Pop. I have another book coming out in the spring. So we've things going on.

In One From None you make a distinction between discipline and insanity. Is that a polarity or perhaps two sides of the same coin?

For me it's more two sides of the same coin. Sometimes it can be very restraining and sometimes it can be that which releases you so you can really go. I put a lot of discipline on my body. I work out, so when I want to cut loose and let myself go, my body can withstand it. And that's it, right there.

The Looks or the Lifestyle: Tribute to Italian porn queen

The Looks or the Lifestyle is the brand new release by British Band Pop Will Eat Itself. Originally from the Midlands of England, PWEI have had several hit singles in the UK and on the European commercial and alternative charts.

Having played but once in Montréal about two or three years ago at the Foufounes Electriques, they have a small but ever-growing following.

lattended that show and must

say that it was definitely one of the most energetic and fun gigs I have ever seen. PWEI's style of

music embraces very powerful guitar riffs, with samples and "technology" remaining an integral part of the band's overal sound.

PWEI's classic pop tunes, which include "There is no love beween

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The Looks or the Lifestyle • Pop Will Eat Itself • BMG Records, 1992

BY BORIS SHEDOV

us anymore", "Love Missile F1-11", "Can U Dig it" and "Very Metal Noise Pollution" have received some airplay right from the beginning on stations like CFMB and CKUT.

Fans of European football

should check
out the new single "Touched
by the hand of
Cicciolina". This
record, released

during the summer of 1990, was PWEI's tribute to the World Cup in Italy. Cicciolina, the Italian porn queen, ran for election as Head of State in Italy, and actually received a sizeable vote.

Let's get back to PWEI's new

album. The Looks or the Lifestyle has a much more direct, aggressive, and wild guitar sound approach than on their previous LP, Cure for Sanity.

There are 12 tracks on the new disc, with "England's Finest", "Karmadrome", and their top-20 UK single "Bulletproof", remixed by Adrian Sherwood, the gems on this great new release.

Go out and buy it.

MUSIC

Youssou N'Dour

beating a path to your world

Eyes Open • Youssou N'Dour • 40 Acres & a Mule, 1992

BY MO AL-NUAIMY



Africa is rapidly becoming the focus of the Worldbeat genre. Unsatisfied with their local celebrity status, an ever-increasing number of African artists are repackaging their culture for more lucrative western consumption.

One of the rapidly rising stars in this field of reverse colonisation is Senegalese singer/songwriter Youssou N'Dour. Since his first collaborations with Peter Gabriel in the mid-Eighties, N'Dour has been wooing international audiences with mbalax, an international interpretation of traditional rhythms.

N'Dour was already a well-established star in Africa by 1986 when Gabriel introduced him to the world on his album So. His audience was further widened when he joined Gabriel on his subsequent world tour.

Since then the world has literally become his oyster. In '89 he released his first international album on Gabriel's Real World label and 1990 saw the release of Set, an LP produced by Micheal Brooke that was voted Best Album of the Year in a Rolling Stone reader poll.

Lee's 40 Acres and a Mule ied moods on this offering. Eyes Musicworks label, impressed by Lee's assurance that he considered N'Dour "part of the legacy of great African-American music." Say what you will about the man, Spike has a great way with words.

Youssou N'Dour's latest release, Eyes Open, is a multi-faceted blend of moods and styles that pays tribute not only to his versatility as a performer but also the rich tapestry of his cultural roots.

paints evocative pictures of African life in five languages: His native tongue Wolof, Fulaniand Serer (also from Senegal) and English and French. Geez, and we have trouble with just two.

"New Africa" starts things off with a mix of talking drums and choppy guitars in an enticingly rap/R&B'ish mood. Hard to imagine but good for the ears.

"No More" is a haunting, acoustic ballad sung predominantly in English, that speaks of promises nurtured and neglected. Sounds like a campaign promise doesn't

Another emotionally charged track is "Hope", a very western sounding soft rock piece, saved from tackyness by N'Dour's incredible voice and interspersed with some really infectious drumming.

"Africa Remembers" talks about the price of the slave trade on Africa and the world. The blues/ jazz mood creates a fitting cultural link to America and N'Dour's voice has to be heard to be believed.

Groovesters will love "Yo Le Le (Fulani Groove)". This track is an upbeat tribute to the music and the struggle for cultural survival of the Fulani people of northern Senegal.

These songs represent only a Last year, N'Dour signed to Spike small sample of the incredibly var-Open contains an hour and a half of music produced at N'Dour's state-of-the-art Xippi Studio in Dakar.

It claims to be the result of several years of introspective composing and performing. This is a sound that leaps out of the speakers and dances for your ears in a fitting tribute to a superbly talented musician.

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Listening to this discisn't the only His unmistakable ululating voice way you can appreciate N'Dour's talents. He'll be bringing his Super Etoiles to the Spectrum on Wednesday, November 11, for a long awaited show. Tickets are a pricey \$23.50.

NEW CDs WORTH HEARING

BY BORIS SHEDOV

The Smiths, There is a Light That Never Goes Out The second CD Compilation of the Smiths' Hits is now available. It includes "Hand in Glove" and "I Don't Owe You Anything".

Techno Trip III is a compilation of the best techno and rave dance music put together by Toronto DJ Chris Sheppard.

Inspiral Carpets, Revenge of the Goldfish is the third LP from this Liverpool band, going back to their original sixties sound. It features the latest CD single "Generations".

Nine Inch Nails, Broken is the new release from

neo-industrialist Trent Reznor. If you love hard hitting techno get this. A six track mini LP, apparently secretly recorded in a variety of locations without permission of his record label.

Cure, A Letter to Elise — This cassette single is a remix from the album Wish.

Siouxie and the Banshees, Twice upon a Time, the single is a compilation featuring their latest single "Fear".

Brian Eno, Nenue Net will be out soon. It features "Fractal Zoom" remixed by Moby. It's a mixed LP featuring the old and the new Brian Eno.

New Import CDs

Ned's Atomic Dustbin, Are You Normal — This is the second LP from this hard-hitting band. It is a follow-up to their 1991 debut God Fodder.

The Mission, Shades of Green is a remix of a track on their great Mask LP done by techno band the

The Farm, CD Single — Their cover of Human League's "Don't You Want Me Baby" is a weak effort considering they have given us pop classics such as "Groovy Train". They have a new LP in the works.

Cabaret Voltaire — The veteran techno-industrialists have released *Plasticity*. It's 72 minutes of remixes from their early days to the present.

The Shamen - They played last week in Toronto with the Utah Saints and have released a remix of "Boss Drum", the title track of their latest LP.



ARTIST	ALBUM	Label
various	Kill Rock Stars	Kill Rock Stars/Cargo
Beat Happening	You Turn Me On	K/Subpop/Cargo
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Brian Eno	Nerve Net	WEA
Furnace Face (cc)	Just Buy It	One Handed Records/Cargo
Babes in Toyland	Fontanelle	WĔA
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Lunachicks	EP	Safe House/Fringe
Controlled Bleeding	Penetration	Third Mind/Cargo
Sonic Youth	Dirty	DGC/MČA
Ministry	Psalm 69	WEA.
Elliott Sharp/Carbon	Tocsin	Enemy/Fusion III
Jesus Lizard	Liar	Touch & Go
Muslimgauze	Zul'M	Extreme/Cargo
X-Legged Sally	Slow Up	Sub Rosa
Eric's Trip (cc)	7"	Disques Nim
Carcass	Tools of the Trade	Earache/Relativity
Megadeth	Countdown to Extinction	Combat/Capitol-
Son House	Father of the Delta Blues	Śony
Paul Weller	Uh Huh Oh Yeh	Gó!
Per Capita (cc)	A New Dream (cassette)	demo
various	Afternoon Delight	Subpop/Cargo
Napalm Death	Death by Manipulation	Earache/Relativity
various	Surprise Your Pig	Staple Gun/Cargo
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various	International Pop Underground Conventio	n K/Cargo
various	Eight Songs for Greg Sage and the Wipers	Tim Kerr
Sucking Chest Wound (c		DOVe
Fastbacks	The Question Is No	Subpop/Cargo
Bad Livers	Delusions of Banjer	Touch & Go
Batz Without Flesh	This Liquid	N.T.S.
Pitchshifter	Submit	Earache/Relativity
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CKUT best bet: the "Knitting Factory Tour": media manipulators "Negativland", ex-Tone Dogs singer Amio Denio, and Roy Nathanson/Athony Coleman, this Friday at Foufounes Electriques.

Teetering (7")

Touch & Go

cc = Canadian Content All people interested in volunteering at CKUT are invited to our next general orientation meeting, Tuesday, November 17. If you would like more information on CKUT and it's programming, come on down to our offices located in the basement of the William Shatner Building and pick up a copy of our program guide, STATIK.

events

Today

Sithembiso Nyoni will be speaking on Structural aDjustment and Drought in Southern Africa at 12h at 3715 Peel. For more info, call 982-6606.

McGill's department of Epidemology and Biostatics presents: "How Robust are Conclusions About Covariates Effects in Survial Analysis?" at 1020 Pine Ave West, room 25 at 13h.

The McGill Anthro dept presents Prof Barbara D. Miller from the university of Pittsburg speaking on "The endangered sex, ten years later at 16h30 in Leacock

AIESEC McGill holds their third general assembly at 17h30 in Bronfman 426. For more info, call 398-6821.



Male & Female Participants* needed for a study in personality psychology:

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The Yellow Door presents Maxine Berger and Eugene Abrams reading from their latest works. Admission is \$2, refreshments are provided. An open stage follows the readings. It begins at 20h and is at 3625 Aylmer. Call 398-6243 for more

Friday

The Marketing Club holds its 6th annual luncheon at the Delta Hotel at 11h30. The topic discussed will be Global vs. Regional Marketing. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$20 for non members.

The Dept of Psychology presents Dr. David Olson of the Center of Applied and Cognitive Science speaking on Cognition and Literacy at 15h in the Stewart Bio Building, 1205 Doctor Penfield. For more info, plea call 398-6105.

Arthur Kroker of Concordia university will be speaking on "The Posessed_ Individual: Spasm" in Arts w215.

McGill's Carribean Student's Society is holding a general meeting at 18h30 in room 1180 of 550 Sherbrooke West.

A film on the East Timor massacres will be presented in the Hall building of

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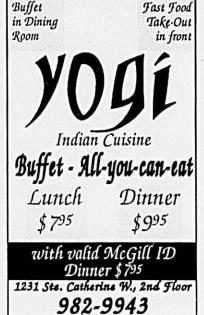
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The Yellow Door Open Stage presents Mark Fenster with Marginal Notes at 20h, 3625 Aylmer. Admission is \$2, refreshments will be served, and an open stage will follow.

The Good Shepherd Community Group holds its annual fundraiser today from 10h to 16h. The sale consists of donated bazaar items, and all proceeds go directly to the centre's programmes and upkeep. It will be held at 2520 Lionel Groulx, near the metro.

Weekend

The Canada Tibet Committee is holding "A Day in Tibet" all day Saturday, 11h-18h, in the Victoria Room of 4626 Sherbrooke West in Westmount. Admittance is \$3, \$2 for seniors, and free for children under 12. Includes handicrafts, dances, movies and food.



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Tectonic Plates shift hypnotically

FILM

Tectonic Plates • directed by Peter Mettler • Rhombus Media, 1992

BY BEATRICE VAN DIJK

Tectonic Plates is a hypnotic new film. Adapted for the screen from the play by Robert Lepage, it is a movie of strange characters, carefully crafted metaphors and lingering images.

The premise of the film is that people are like continents. We are all part of an original whole now drifting across the globe. When we collide and connect the vibrations are far-reaching and pervasive.

This premise is expressed through the lives of the characters. The heroine, Madeleine, falls in love with her art history professor, Jacques. When he disappears she runs off to Venice to drown herself in a perfect romantic death.

As she drowns, Africa moves slowly towards Europe, and just as Madeleine is almost destroyed by her collision with Jacques, Venice is threatened by a collision of conti-

Jacques' fate is weird. His psyche is taken over by a Scottish goddess. He believes he has been emasculated by her and turned into a woman. One of the funniest yet most depressing parts of the film is when a young man from Anchorage falls in love with Jacques thinking he really is a woman.

There are other strange and touching characters. Constance is a junkie Madeleine meets in Venice

(warning: there is a shooting-up scene in this film — ugh). Constance is obsessed with the death of the swan in Swan Lake. A deaf man who lives through his jigsaw puzzles understands how single human experiences fit together. An eccentric Welsh pianist plays Chopin continuously.

Although the lives of its characters give a loose story to Tectonic Plates, it is the film's images that are most memorable.

Shots of water are particularly important. Turbulent oceans, stagnant Venetian canals, and a pool of water on a stage offer opportunities for further exploitation of the metaphor of humans-as-continents drifting across the earth. Many scenes are filmed with the actors floating half submerged.

Much of the movie is a filmed theatrical performance. Some parts have been shot in Venice, Scotland and Montréal. The mix of stage and screen is magical. It is as if one is witnessing a one-of-a-kind performance with all the visual effects of the

Tectonic Plates is a romantic film. Not Hollywood/Harlequin romantic, but Beethoven/Byron romantic. Georges Sand and Chopin are secondary characters. A painting of Sand appears in several scenes as both a symbol of sexual confusion



and artistic inspiration.

The movie ends with a quotation from Chopin: "In the end, it is simplicity that matters, with all its charm." Mettler has created a simple film, clear as water. Its characters are moving, its images unsettling. Tectonic Plates drifts mesmerisingly across the screen and is not easily forgettable.

Tectonic Plates will be showing at Cinéma Parallèle, 3682 Boul St-Laurent, until November 11th.

Tension upstages action in The Ambulance

FILM

The Ambulance • directed by Larry Cohen •1991

BY LIAM NICKERSON

Larry Cohen's The Ambulance is a wonderfully odd thriller. The film meshes black humour, solid performances and a truly strange premise to create a suspenseful and satisfying experience for the viewer.

Josh Baker (Eric Roberts) is an illustrator working in New York City at Marvel Comics. He attempts to pick up a beautiful business woman who becomes ill and is taken away by a vintage ambulance. Josh becomes obsessed with finding the woman.

Eric Roberts is perfect for the part of Josh. He has a reckless charm and abrasive attitude which make his character's determination more believable. James Earl Jones as the gumchewing detective is is often hilarious and always out of left

But it is the supporting cast which steal the film. Red Buttons as an old New York Post reporter is endearingly cranky and Eric Braeden delivers a fine performance as the mad doctor.

Stan Lee of Marvel Comics and the creator of Spiderman plays himself in a humourous cameo in which he offers Eric Roberts advice about women.

Cohen's film never relies on gore or special effects for its suspense. Tension is built up through eerie shots of the ambulance and through the deteriorating physical state of

He is beaten up, run over, drugged and generally abused throughout the course of the movie. It is his unfaltering drive to find the missing woman that makes his character identifiable and consequently the film works.

The stunts and car chases which permeate the film are fast and furious. Stunt coordinator Spiro Razatos creates some refreshingly original car chase effects which give the ambulance a more frightening personality. The quickness of the action never threatens to upstage the feeling of tension which is sustained throughout the entire film.

Larry Cohen, the director who brought us cult films like It's Alivel and Q does more of the same with The Ambulance. The direction is fast paced and quirky, never letting the tension wane.

Cohen, who also wrote the film, never loses sight of the black humour inherent in the concept of an ambulance as a vehicle of death. The film is peppered with little jokes and ironies which add to the film rather then undermine its suspense.

Working with a rather modest budget, Cohen has created a tight little suspense film which never threatens to get out of control. The film at times seems to borrow heavily from Spielberg's classic The Duel in which a man is chased by a homicidal truck and driver across the United States, but it benefits from a more likeable hero.

The Ambulance is a satisfying little thriller. The viewer shares Josh's feelings of urban paranoia and helplessness. The film occasionally verges on becoming as two-dimensional as one of Josh's comics but Cohen manages to keep the film just on this side of possibility.

The Ambulance was shown at the Festival International Cinema Fantastique and has yet to be released on video.

The Lover captures erotic innocence

FILM

The Lover • directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud • 1992

BY CATRIONA RICHARDSON

There was a lot of buildup for the recent release of Jean-Jacques Annaud's latest film The Lover. Publicity and advertising are importantant, true, but they tend to create a lot of expectations for a film to live up to.

According to some, expectaions were not met. After seeing the film, I could not help but question if this was the fault of the film or of the expectations.

I enjoyed the film. It is not astonishingly brilliant, as indeed few films are. But it is extremely well done for what it is, a depiction of erotic love.

The familiar ingredients for the classic love story were all there: young girl, poor family, has affair with older man of wealthy family. Their passion is fiery, but not enough to overcome social differences and the two lovers part. In this case the girl (played by British actress Jane March) is French, and the man (Tony Leung) is Chinese.

The setting: 1929 colonial Vietnam.

Was that it? Was that 'really' all there was to the film? If you think so, you'd probably agree with those who call it stupid or lame.

But that is not the extent of the film. It is true that the plot is simple and the story doesn't lose itself in dramatic explanations of family relationships. But that is not the focus of the film. To see it as such is to ignore the more romantic aspects of the film, which make the film

The use of the camara to explore the more erotic elements of the lovers' surrounding is one of the more notable achievments of the film. The cinematography is excellent and should not be considered secondary. What may seem to be "a beautiful country playing itself" was in fact a beautiful country captured brilliantly by the filmmakers.

Although the acting was not overly dramatic, there did exist a subtlety of character that fit well with the rest of the film. A growing admiration of the young heroine's control of emotion and self awareness develops throughout the

March plays in her character the innocence of a young girl that one equates with the romance of first love, and at the same time embraces fully the sexual desire and appeal of the mature woman.

The sex scenes may seem banal if you spend the whole time looking for body patches. However, the filmmakers' use of light, shadow, sound and emotion, are far more interesting. The sex is not kinky, but instead holds the charm of innocence and truth that is rare

Is it sexy? If romantic is sexy, then yes, if erotic is sexy, then yes, if a Conde Nast traveller and a rented soft-core porn is sexy, than no this film is not sexy. But it seems to me a sad sad day when romance and erotica are considered "lame".

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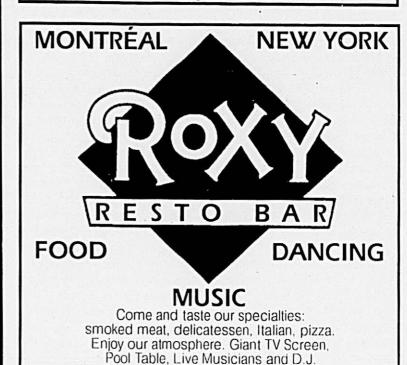
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